

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008**

At a meeting of the **Health Services Committee**, held Thursday, July 17, 2008, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

DeSaele-Chair, Brdak, Camphous-Peterson, Doherty, Drolet, J. Flynn,
Gielegem, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Switalski and Torrice.

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Commissioner Duzyj
Commissioner Lund
Commissioner Vosburg

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair DeSaele called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Chair DeSaele asked that agenda item #7 be addressed before #6.

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Rengert, to adopt the agenda, as amended. **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to approve the March 13 and April 10, 2008 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

RECOGNIZE RECIPIENTS OF QUALITY OF LIFE AWARDS FROM AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

Anthony Marrocco, Public Works Commissioner, spoke about the Quality of Life Award received for an \$81.2 million Pollution Abatement Project in St. Clair Shores, Roseville and Eastpointe, which was started 13 years ago prior to the formation of the Blue Ribbon Commission. He said it took approximately seven years before the project was

designed and financed and six years to get the project completed. He acknowledged Dave Lakin from Spalding DeDecker Associates and Roy Rose from Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, the engineering firms that also received the award.

INFORMATION RE: INCOMING DIRECTOR OF HEALTH PROMOTION/DISEASE CONTROL AT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Gold introduced Dr. Chang who spoke about her experiences in Jamaica.

REPORT FROM WATER QUALITY BOARD

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Roberts, to receive and file a report of the Macomb County Water Quality Board outlining their June 10th meeting. **The Motion Carried.**

PROSECUTOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL UNIT REPORT FOR JUNE, 2008

MOTION

A motion was made by Rocca, supported by J. Flynn, to receive and file the status report provided on the Prosecutor's Environmental Unit for June 2008, as submitted by Luanne Laemmerman.

Commissioner Roberts referred to foreclosure issues and wondered whether the bank can be forced to take care of the situation since they are the property owner. Ms. Laemmerman said she would look further into that.

Commissioner Doherty felt that our policies need to be examined regarding unoccupied homes and what happens with those fees. She suggested waiving the fees already issued to the owner in order to make the home sellable.

Mr. Kalkofen spoke about the point of sale regulation and said that should come up when the property is transferred from the bank to the new owner and discussion could be held and contingencies made.

Commissioner Doherty suggested putting a notice with the property when it is sent to auction and asked Ms. Laemmerman to look into that.

Chair DeSaele called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

S.W.I.M. TEAM REPORT FOR MAY, 2008

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the S.W.I.M. Team Report for May 2008. **The Motion Carried.**

INFORMATION RE: HEALTH DEPT'S. 9TH ANNUAL LAKE ST. CLAIR ASSESSMENT REPORT

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Torrice, to receive and file the information from the Macomb County Health Department's ninth annual Lake St. Clair Assessment Report.

Mr. Steve Lichota overviewed the report.

Commissioner Doherty felt the statistics are great, but she wanted to know some of the trend analysis and whether outcome based studies are needed.

Mr. Kalkofen stated that there has been significant improvement in Macomb County and he felt the value of the study is that it is the basis used for many federal or state grant applications. He said the data collected is used by everyone and they have brought in about nine million dollars worth of water related funding into the county and that is based on data that was collected.

Commissioner Doherty suggested that the next report include some of that information.

Chair DeSaele called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

APPROVE PAYMENT TO HARRISON TOWNSHIP FROM ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: LAKE/RIVER FUND FOR PHRAGMITE CONTROL

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Doherty, to approve payment of \$25,000 to Harrison Township from the Environmental Problems: Lake/River Fund for phragmite control and forward to the Budget Committee.

Commissioner Roberts asked if any documentation was provided regarding the in-kind services. Mr. Kalkofen stated that they only have a total of what was spent, but he would request that information.

Chair DeSaele called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

AUTHORIZE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR U.S.E.P.A. GRANT FOR WATERSHED MONITORING ACTIVITY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROCCA, SUPPORTED BY J. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A U.S.E.P.A. GRANT ENTITLED “THE EFFECTS OF NUTRIENTS ON LAKE ST. CLAIR’S ECOSYSTEM” IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,254 FOR MONITORING ACTIVITY. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

PROGRESS REPORT RE: ANIMAL SHELTER

Mr. Kalkofen stated that the shelter is experiencing a significant increase in the number of animals being given up and they are working as diligently as they can with the rescue organizations, but indicated they are in the same situation.

He said they are working with the Michigan Pet Fund and some of the rescue organizations to look at the process where all animals put up for adoption and released from the Animal Shelter will be spayed and neutered. He said there is money involved, but he felt they will be able to address that and also look at grant funding. He noted that a new veterinarian was hired, Dr. Elizabeth Doppke.

He stated that Ms. Jeroue and some of the supervisors spent a day at the Oakland County Animal Shelter and looked at some of their programs/projects and brought back information and also shared information with them. He said there will be continued conversation with Oakland County.

He said Ms. Jeroue is in the process of establishing an agreement with Baker College’s Veterinary Program. He said they want to place Macomb County animals in their surgical rotation which means they will spay and neuter animals at no cost to the county. He said they are also interested in having their students rotate through the shelter and the importance of that is they are insured and bonded.

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Rocca, to receive and file the progress report regarding the Macomb County Animal Shelter. **The Motion Carried.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TORRICE, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXTEND THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR SIX MONTHS.

Mr. Kalkofen noted that the six month program was specifically geared toward the fees. He said the requirement was to come back and report on the fees and his intent is to continually come back.

Commissioner Gielegghem offered a friendly amendment to require the advisory group to continue meeting for an additional six months.

That was accepted by the maker and supporter.

Chair DeSaele called for a vote on the motion, as amended, and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

The motion now reads as follows:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TORRICE, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DIRECT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE MEETING WITH ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS, WITH PROGRESS REPORTS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE ON A REGULAR BASIS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Kalkofen reported that the Medical Examiners Office was contacted by MSNBC who does a series on medical examiners and actual cases and following those cases. He said they have been negotiating with them and they have an agreement where they will come in July or August and they will be filming for their program.

He also spoke about legislation that was passed by the state regarding school kitchen inspection fees, which limits the amount of money a local health department can charge a school for mandated inspections. He said a significant amount of money will be lost across the state and they will be working with the lobbying organization and encouraging the representatives in the House not to support that.

He said the second piece of legislation that was passed was a body art regulation in which inspection and recommendation for licensure is a responsibility of a local health department if they choose to accept that. He said the legislation allows the ability to pass a local fee so the local health department can inspect a state program. He indicated that he will not be bringing a request for a local fee forward and if that is considered, he suggested reconstituting the advisory committee on a local body art regulation and move forward to pass that.

He said the other piece of that legislation indicates that if a local health department chooses not to or cannot enforce it, a neighboring county will come in and do the inspection. He said he is working with Corporation Counsel regarding this.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner J. Flynn noted the grand opening of a new veterinary hospital, located at 14 Mile and Hayes in Warren.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Rengert, to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter